

Arizona Department of Health Services
Bureau of Tobacco and Chronic Disease

Fact Sheet

COUNTY	ADULT SMOKING	YOUTH SMOKING	YOUTH CHEWING TOBACCO
	Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) 2011	Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) 2010	
National %	21.2%	18.1%	7.7%
Arizona %	19.2%	14.7%	5.1%
Apache	23.5%	19.4%	12.9%
Cochise	22.9%	17.7%	7.1%
Coconino	21.8%	17.8%	9.1%
Gila	23.0%	24.6%	9.4%
Graham	20.8%	19.7%	9.2%
Greenlee	17.8%	24.6%	19.2%
La Paz	38.1%	11.6%	6.1%
Maricopa	17.3%	13.2%	4.2%
Mohave	24.3%	15.0%	5.1%
Navajo	19.7%	17.0%	8.8%
Pima	20.2%	20.1%	5.2%
Pinal	20.6%	17.0%	5.7%
Santa Cruz	26.8%	22.6%	4.7%
Yavapai	18.2%	16.3%	8.0%
Yuma	18.1%	12.5%	3.5%

Costs to Arizona¹

- **Annual** Smoking Caused Health Costs in AZ - **\$1.3 billion**
- **Per Day** health care costs associated with smoking is approximately - **\$3.6 million**

Arizona Adults²

- There are over a million adult smokers in Arizona.
- More than half of adult smokers tried to quit within the past year.
- Currently, around 2% of adult men and 0.5% of adult women use smokeless tobacco.

Arizona Youths³

- Student smoking steadily increases with age.
- Among current Arizona youths that have tried smoking, the average age of first use was 12.

Harmful Effects⁴

- Tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death.
- Cigarette smoking is responsible for specific cancers: lung, oral cavity, pharynx (throat), esophagus and bladder.
- Cigarette smoking causes an estimated 1 out of every 5 deaths each year.

¹Center for Disease Control, Smoking-Attributable Mortality, Morbidity, and Economic Costs

²Center for Disease Control, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

³Arizona Youth Survey 2010

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